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Sir:

Pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, enclosed are copies of 50 references for the Examiner's review and consideration. The references are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of Form PTO-1449.

No fee or certification is believed to be due for this submission since the references are being submitted prior to a first Office Action being issued in the case. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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